



**CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA  
WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES – March 6, 2023  
Midland Valley**

**Executive Board – Elected**

President: **Barbara Blatter**  
Vice President **Marion Hansen**  
Treasurer: **Mary Shultz**  
Secretary: **Luce Mallak**  
Past President **Lou Kressly**

**Club Representative**

Bartram Trail – **Linda Momeier**  
Cedar Creek – **Kathy Cornforth / Judy Long**  
Gordon Lakes – **Mara Bushee / Charlotte Johnson**  
Houndslake – **Paulette Welsch / Lucy Loomis**  
Midland Valley – **Liz Scheuer**  
Mount Vintage – **Kathy Noyce / Pam Johnson**  
Reserve Club – **Louisa Visconti**  
Savannah Lakes – **Nena DeArment**  
West Lake – **Betsy Howard/Karyn Liljedahl**  
Woodside Country Club – **Sue O'Connell**

**Executive Board – Appointed**

Handicap – **Beth Turner**  
Montenyohl – **Marion Hansen**  
Rules – Mary Helen McElreath  
Team Play – Mary Vaarwerk  
Tournament – Marianne Harris / **Nena DeArment**  
Webmaster – Michelle Randrup  
Publicity – **Luce Mallak**

**PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**A. Welcome:**

The meeting was called to order at 9 am by President Blatter. She welcomed all members to the new season and reminded everyone of Daylight Savings Time coming up on Saturday, March 11.

**B. Minutes:**

- President Blatter raised a motion to approve the October 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes from Midland Valley. Betsy Howard and Mara Bushee recognized motion and Minutes were unanimously approved.

**C. Financial Report:**

- The 2022-year end CSRA balance was \$4,832.52. As of the end of February, the balance was \$6,592.52, with the major portion of that (\$5,779.49) sitting in the General Membership line item.
- The 2022 financial records were audited by Janet Richmond and Mary Vaarwerk. No issues, concerns or weaknesses were identified.
- The Treasurer proposed that the Reserve Miscellaneous line item be merged into the General Membership. The Miscellaneous line item serves very little purpose, considering that as items are paid out of that account, funds are then moved from the General Membership account into the Reserve Miscellaneous account. The proposal was approved. Therefore, the \$291.48 sitting in that line item will be moved into the General Reserve Membership line item and the Reserve Miscellaneous line item will be deleted.
- Charitable donations to the First Tee – Augusta, First Tee- Aiken, and Hook A Kid on Golf were approved in the amount of \$300 each for 2023.
- Financial Report was motioned for approval and Louisa Visconti and Luce Mallak recognized motion and vote was unanimous.

**D. VICE PRESIDENT:**

**E. ROLL CALL:** See the above results. Highlighted name indicates the person was present.

**F. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Team Play:** No Report

**Montenyohl Tournament:** Will begin to meet in May or June to begin planning.

**Publicity:** No Report

**Rules:** Barbara Blatter indicated that Mary Helen McElreath will be the new CSRA Rules Rep.

**Handicap:** No Report

**Website Coordinator:** No Report

**Tournament:** No Report

**G. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

Bartram Trail – No Report –

Cedar Creek – No Report

Gordon Lakes – No Report

Houndslake – No Report

Midland Valley – Liz Scheuer reported that 61 members were registered for the March 13 Stableford event

Mount Vintage – Reported that Board Meeting would be on May 3 and Event remains on May 10

Reserve Club – Louisa requested clarification on the Closing Date for events. Nena DeArment provided insight and issue was resolved.

Savannah Lakes – Nena discussed the issue of Nine Holers (see New Business) being able to join CSRA.

West Lake –

Woodside –

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Confirmation that CSRA PC was destroyed and recycled from Marianne Harris.
  - Nena confirmed that the PC was destroyed and recycled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- By Law Article 2 Section 4 regarding eligibility. Adjust to add 9-hole LGA members of the club.
  - Discussion was started regarding allowing Nine Hole members to join CSRA in an effort to increase membership. It was determined that Article 2, Section 4 of the By-Laws would be modified to remove the 18 Hole Golf reference, It was also stated that if any Nine Hole players join CSRA, they would need to abide by USGA rules and play 18 holes. The change to the By-Laws would read as follows:

The Association eligibility requirements shall be consistent with the LPGA tournament participation requirements, including “be a female and at least 18 years of age.” A player must join the ladies’ eighteen-hole golf association of a participating club, establish a USGA handicap and must have submitted her dues to her Club representative. Then, and only then, is she allowed to participate in Association events. If a player transfers to another participating CSRA club during the season, she shall notify the Association secretary in writing of this change prior to participating in an Association event.

- A motion for this change was recognized by Judy Long and Mary Shultz. A vote was taken, and it was unanimous.
- Bag tags- Less costly material/design. Are they needed?
  - Marion Hansen brought up the bag tags that are provided to all new CSRA members. The original tags were ordered in 2004 for a cost of \$500. It was felt that due to the customization of the tags, the price is

considerably than standard tags. Each tag costs \$5 and CSRA charges \$2 for a replacement for a loss of \$3. The current inventory is approximately 25 tags. A motion was made to discontinue the tags and no longer order a supply. Louisa Visconti and Mary Shultz recognized motion and vote was unanimous.

- Move Oct. Cedar Creek by 1 week.
  - Kathy Cornforth brought up a conflict for the October 9, 2023, Four Ball event. There are many CSRA members that play in State tournaments which unfortunately fall on the same day. It was decided that the event would be played on October 19. Vote was unanimous.
  - Adjust foursomes in a Stableford format to mingle players.
    - There was discussion regarding 'mingling' players during a tournament to reinforce camaraderie. This can be done in Golf Genius according to Nena but will remain an open issue until Marianne Harris can speak to how this could be accomplished.
- Discuss changing closing dates for monthly tournaments – Visconti.
  - Louisa brought up the closing date on a Golf Genius invite and then allowing appropriate time to get a check cut. Nena explained that an event is 'closed' 10 days prior to Closing and Handicaps are generated the date after closing. It was also discussed that while this information is contained in the invite, the Reps are in control on when monies are due.
- Proposal for Long-Range Calendar – Harris
  - Nena shared that Marianne Harris was looking at the 15-year calendar which was designed when CSRA had 15 clubs. Now that we are only at 10 Clubs, this calendar makes no sense and some Clubs are having to host twice in a year. There was also discussion on the format on the meetings and play dates, i.e., Board Meeting and Event first two weeks of the month and Team Play would be third week of the month. However, due to other outside activities at various, this cadence does not always work. A motion was raised that this issue would be tabled until Marianne could speak to her thoughts. Nena DeArment and Luce Mallak recognized motion and vote was unanimous.
- Barbara Blatter brought up CSRA members gaining access to Fort Gordon. Charlotte Johnson reminded everyone that she handed out registration forms. It was determined that the Administrative office for Fort Gordon was behind in issuing passes but felt this would be remedied in a few weeks. There is also a link in Golf Genius to request a pass. This would allow CSRA to use Kiosk to gain access. It was also reiterated that all non-military CSRA members need to gain access through Gate #6.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Luce Mallak  
CSRA WGA Secretary